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SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY

STATE FOR DUDLEY, EB/OA AND ARA/BC

1. GOVERNMENT PETROLEUM AUTHORITY YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES BOLIVIANOS (YPFB) HAS ASKED EMBASSY'S COOPERATION IN OBTAINING INFORMATION RE AVAILABILITY OF LARGE AIRCRAFT AND PRICE QUOTATIONS TO MOVE PETROLEUM SUPPLIES INTO EASTERN LOWLAND BENI REGION. YPFB STATES THERE IS URGENT NEED TO SUPPLY POL TO AREA BY AIR SINCE SEASONALLY LOW RIVER LEVELS PREVENTING MOVEMENT BY WATER.

2. SPECIFICALLY, YPFB SEEKING TWO FLIGHTS BY HERCULES-TYPE AIRCRAFT FROM LA PAZ TO TRINIDAD AND GUAYARAMERIN AND RENTAL OF TANKER AIRCRAFT FOR ONE MONTH. IF TANKER AIRCRAFT NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE, THEN HERCULES-TYPE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR LONGER PERIOD. YPFB PLANS TO MOVE ONE MILLION LITERS OF GASOLINE.

3. QUOTATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH EMBASSY OR DIRECTLY TO COMMERCIAL MANAGER YPFB, ING. MARIO ARENAS, TELEX YACIBOL BX 5267. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS. THIS IS COMMERCIAL INQUIRY BUT HAS POTENTIAL HUMANITARIAN INTEREST.

4. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, WHEN EMBASSY FIRST LEARNED OF YPFB REQUEST, WE INFORMED SATURN AIRWAYS THROUGH SECSTATE
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SINCE WE KNEW SATURN WAS BRINGING HERCULES TO BOLIVIA

SEPTEMBER 16. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED REPLY FROM SATURN.
ALASKA AIR INTERNATIONAL (TELEX FAIRBANKS 096-35454
LEONARD LANE, VICE PRESIDENT) HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN RENTING
HERCULES SERVICE IN AREA AND SHOULD BE ASKED TO QUOTE.
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